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QUESTION PAPER

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FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

Whether any aspects of the proposal by Isle of Man Newspapers to print its newspapers off Island cause concern to the Government?
2. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he will re-examine the Scope & Structure of Government Report of September 2006 with particular reference to corporatisation and contracting-out of some Government services?
3. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he will permit Ministers a free vote, both in Tynwald and during the passing of legislation, for controversial matters involving religious beliefs, moral issues and matters of conscience?
4. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he will formulate a policy by which all Government contracts will be first advertised on the Island and only when local companies cannot be secured that off-Island contractors/suppliers can be sought?

5. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Chief Minister -
What the cost is of each Town Regeneration Committee; and whether each committee member claims expenses?
6. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
What representations he has made to the Spanish authorities about:
- (a) the definition of the Isle of Man as a tax haven being enshrined in Spanish law; and
 - (b) zealous and intrusive demands for information from Isle of Man residents who are customers of Island subsidiaries of Banco Santander being made as a consequence of this?
7. The Hon. Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (a) Whether the Reserve Funds have invested a proportion of their assets in physical gold or precious metals; and
 - (b) what percentage, if any, of the Reserve Funds, are invested in gold mining stocks?
8. The Hon. Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
Whether the subject of gold investments has ever been raised by the Treasury with their respective investment managers during their tendering process or more recently and, if not, why not?
9. The Hon. Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
Whether the Reserve Funds have no exposure towards bonds issued by financial entities which may be extremely vulnerable should the Eurozone collapse?

10. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -
 - (a) How many applications for Registered Building Consent have been made in each of the last three years;
 - (b) whether such applications are required in respect of buildings which are NOT on the Protected Buildings Register; and
 - (c) if so, how many were made, and for what reason?

11. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

How airlines account for passenger taxes and airport fees received by them to Government?

12. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

What the costs to date are of improvements made in Upper Nelson Street?

13. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

Whether his Department has approved a 10% increase in public sector rents and, if so, when it will seek approval from the Council of Ministers and whether the proposal will be submitted to Tynwald?

14. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

What consultation was undertaken with the residents in Social Housing before the rent increase which equates to double the annual increase implemented in recent years?

15. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Lowey) to ask the Minister for Social Care -
 - (a) How many faults have been reported in the new apartments in Clagh Vane regarding leaking doors, windows, smells and noises etc.;
 - (b) who is to pay for the proposed commercial cleaning of the stairwells and landings in these properties; and
 - (c) why all tenants were told in writing not to erect a Christmas tree on their landings?

16. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Lowey) to ask the Minister for Social Care -
- (a) What the total cost was of Government support to first time buyers (grant loan land and tax relief) in the past four years;
 - (b) how many individuals/couples have these reliefs; and
 - (c) whether the Department intends to decrease these benefits by 10% in April 2012, to mirror the increased 10% provision in Public Sector Housing?
17. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Social Care -
- What his policy is on the provision of healthcare services to those with autism and Down's Syndrome?
18. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure -
- In order to remove the £1.3 million annual deficit of the combined Gaiety Theatre/Villa Marina operation if he will:
- (a) examine ways by which the combined Gaiety/Villa operation can be either privatised or corporatised; and
 - (b) as soon as is practical arrange to appoint an experienced professional theatre manager to manage both facilities?
19. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -
- If he will make a statement to clarify the latest developments in the matter of awarding a second casino licence?
20. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -
- If he will examine ways by which Isle of Man companies who subcontract to off-Island lead contractors for any Government works can be protected against losses resulting from the failure of those lead contractors to complete their contractual obligations?

21. The Hon. Member for Castletown (Mr Ronan) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

What steps the Minister is taking to support the interests of indigenous Manx businesses and thus the wider economy of the Isle of Man in the face of an influx of large UK retailers?

22. The Hon. Member for Castletown (Mr Ronan) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

What plans he has to enact more localism policy to protect local jobs, drive Manx GDP growth and increase money circulating in the local economy, as Germany and other European states have done over the last 12 months under the provision of services of general interest?

23. The Hon. Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

(a) Whether the contract to fit and supply the kitchens at the new St Ninian's Lower School has been awarded; and

(b) whether the work will be carried out by local contractors and, if not, why not?

24. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Health -

What steps he is taking to improve rates of early detection of cancer?

25. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

What the cost was of the OFT investigation into the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company; and if he will make a statement on the issue of the Report?

26. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority -

In respect of Pumping Station Refurbishment Project Phase 3 approved by Tynwald on 15th November 2011 -

- (a) How old each pumping station is;
- (b) how many pump units are fitted to each of the nine pumping stations;
- (c) whether each pump unit has surplus capacity sufficient to pump all sewage in the event of a partner pump failure;
- (d) how long each pump has been in service;

- (e) how many of the pumps have been replaced and when;
- (f) how many of the pumps have failed in service;
- (g) how many sewage leakages there have been as a result of pump failure;
- (h) how many maintenance engineers are employed by WASA;
- (i) why they are not able to undertake a change of pump;
- (j) who the engineers are who identified which pumps were in need of replacement;
- (k) what parameters were used to determine the need for replacement; and
- (l) who specified the parameters to the inspecting engineers?

27. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority -

How much sewage sludge was delivered each year over the last five years into Meary Veg Sewage Treatment Works by road tanker?

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28. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chief Minister -

In each Government Department, how many officials have had paid sick leave of -

- (a) fewer than 5 days;
- (b) 5 to 20 days;
- (c) 20 to 200 days; and
- (d) more than 200 days

in each year since 2007; and what estimate he has made of the cost of the loss of working days because of sickness in that period?

29. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

In respect of the Safeguarding Children Board:

- (a) what the role of Tri-x Childcare Ltd is;
- (b) for what period Tri-x Childcare Ltd is contracted to the Safeguarding Children Board;
- (c) how much the contract with Tri-x Childcare Ltd is costing the Isle of Man Government; and

in respect of the consultants employed by the Safeguarding Children Board:

- (i) how many consultants are employed by the Safeguarding Children Board and for what purpose;
- (ii) what the salaries are of these consultants;
- (iii) which of these consultants are based off Island;
- (iv) which Government Department employs them; and
- (v) when their contracts expire?

30. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

- (a) Further to his Answer to Written Question 10 at November Tynwald why he stated that the number of proxy votes cast in each constituency in the 2006 General Election was not known, when the requested information was supplied in an oral answer from the Chief Minister to the House of Keys on 22nd June 2010;
- (b) why paragraph 52(1) of schedule 2 (Election Rules) to the Representation of the People Act (requiring destruction of election documents after one year) was cited as the explanation for this information being “no longer available” in November 2011, but not in June 2010; and
- (c) if he will now publish the figures for proxy votes cast for each constituency in 2006, both as a number and as a percentage of turn out, alongside the 2011 General Election figures?

31. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

How he intends to recoup the £11, 723, 780 investment made in the film “Me and Orson Welles” and what has happened to £79, 825 which is the difference between the dividend payment in 2010 by CinemaNX Productions One Limited and the sum accounted for by CinemaNX Film One Limited?

32. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

Whether any of the films in which CinemaNX Limited has invested has yet recouped its initial investment?

33. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

Why it was thought necessary for a clause in the amended articles of association of CinemaNX Limited to contain in section 25.5 a provision that “the auditor may be a Shareholder”?

34. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

In each of the previous three financial years, which department systems have been selected for a data quality audit by the Data Protection Supervisor; what the calculated error rate was; and whether there were any directions to review and clean existing data or improve data collection, data input, data verification, or data validation processes regarding new data?

35. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

What costs are associated with the exchange or repatriation of bank notes and coins with other sterling zone jurisdictions?

36. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

How many bonds for road adoption the Department has; how many have still not been used; how old they are; and why they have not been used?

37. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

How many roads in housing developments have not been adopted by the Department?

38. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Social Care -
What the arrangements are for the independent external inspection of Children and Families Social Services in 2012?
39. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Social Care -
Whether there is a duplication of functions with both central and local government having housing within its remit; and whether he has considered passing the houses within central government's control to those authorities that already have housing within their remits?
40. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Social Care -
What recent estimate he has made of the number of children -
- (a) in absolute poverty;
 - (b) in relative poverty; and
 - (c) with combined material deprivation and low income in the Isle of Man?
41. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Quirk) to ask the Minister for Social Care -
What the rent deficit was for each of the -
- (a) Housing Authorities; and
 - (b) Elderly Person Committee Housing Authorities; in
 - (i) 2009-10;
 - (ii) 2010-11; and
 - (iii) 2011 to date?

42. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask HM Attorney General –
- In respect of the land swap agreement between Heritage Homes and the Department of Education and Children:
- (a) Whether the Department of Education and Children complied with the Education Act 2001, section 3 and made an order under Schedule 2 of the Act, in which the relevant public notice is required to be given; and
 - (b) if not, whether the agreement is legally binding?
43. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask HM Attorney General –
- (a) What the total cost to his Office was of the investigation and prosecution of Dr Dirk Heinz Hoehmann on charges of obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception, broken down by:
 - (i) investigations, consultations and prosecution costs;
 - (ii) legal costs incurred outside his Chambers but within the Isle of Man;
 - (iii) legal costs incurred outside the Isle of Man;
 - (iv) court costs; and
 - (v) any other significant costs within his area of responsibility;
 - (b) whether the costs of the defence have been or will be paid out of public funds; and how much they are;
 - (c) whether compensation will have to be paid out of public funds to Dr Hoehmann on account of imprisonment and related items; and, if so, how much; and
 - (d) why he considered that it was in the public interest to prosecute Dr Hoehmann, rather than arrange for him to be returned to Germany to serve a pre-existing prison sentence?

44. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

For each of the last three years:

- (a) how many tonnes of building stone were extracted from quarries in the Isle of Man for use by the local construction industry;
- (b) how many tonnes were imported;
- (c) which quarries in the Isle of Man are licensed to extract building stone;
- (d) whether their extraction capacity is being met; and
- (e) what plans the Department has to implement a national minerals strategy?

45. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

In respect of the Department's centralised pupil data system:

- (a) what the purpose is of holding records of all school children and their parents on a centralised pupil data system within the Department;
- (b) what the current total number of people is on the centralised pupil data system including all pupils, parents and guardians;
- (c) what the cost was of setting up this centralised pupil data system;
- (d) what the annual running cost of the centralised pupil data system is;
- (e) whether a system of role-based access control has been set up within the Department to ensure the centralised pupil data system complies with the Data Protection Act;
- (f) if he will consent to allowing the Data Protection Supervisor to audit the processing of data within the centralised pupil data system for good practice; and
- (g) if he will publish the details of any internal audit his own Department may have made of the centralised pupil data system?

46. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health -

During the time that Dr Dirk Heinz Hoehmann was employed as a consultant at Noble's Hospital -

- (a) whether Dr Hoehmann's work at the Hospital was satisfactory;
- (b) whether Dr Hoehmann provided value for money in terms of the work he performed for the salary he was paid; and
- (c) for how long after Dr Hoehmann stopped doing any work at the Hospital he was paid; and how much was paid to him in relation to that period?

47. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health -

What the Department is planning to do with the parcel of land at Cronk Grainagh; and whether he has considered passing the land to the local authority for development?

48. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

In the last five years, how many persons aged 12 to 18 have been:

- (a) apprehended; and
- (b) interviewed for causing criminal damage;

how many have been:

- (i) prosecuted; and
- (ii) cautioned;

and how many have re-offended after:

- (A) prosecution; and
- (B) receiving a caution?

49. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

What the total cost to his Department was of the investigation, prosecution and imprisonment on remand of Dr Dirk Heinz Hoehmann broken down by -

- (a) Police time;
- (b) transportation and security;
- (c) legal costs;
- (d) cost of imprisonment; and
- (e) any other significant costs?

50. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority -

What the annual output of dried sludge pellets was in each of the past five years?